My Dear Mrs Chapman,—

I rendered last spring to Jas S Gibbons an account on Agents which I had received and paid out. Since that time I have troubled myself very little about the matter. the amount paid out was I think, to different individuals, as per account rendered in the immediate vicinity of $12,000, twelve hundred dollars. So dissatisfied was Gibbons with my course, that I did not render my bill of Expenses, which amounted to two hundred, sixteen 14/100 dollars.

The amt which I received amounted to something like one thousand dollars. It may be more, it may be less.

The Board at New York voted me upwards of 700 dollars for expenses in Europe. I have not the papers by me at this time. I can get them soon if necessary. Gibbons has them.

For Expenses to May 17th the Mass. A. S. Society owes me ninety eight 94/100 dolls
It also owes me for Services from Jany. 1st to May 17th From this 50$ is to be deducted.

Yrs truly Thine
J. A Collins

Monday Morn Oct 2d/43.

My wants are great— My necessities are pressing

The Am. Society owes me from 1000 to 12,000$
The Mass Society owes me about $475—
I owe nearly 700$— I want only enough
to pay my debts.

Wm W Chapman

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